

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS JUNE 4, 2012

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, June 4, 2012 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2012 public hearing. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

I-T

Randy Herbert, I-T Technician, requested authority to download the WTH address point's layer to the GIS network. Herbert explained that WTH would be training Kate Singleton on the 911 addressing software. The connection will only be between the two systems and maintained on the county server. Marvin Cole made the motion to allow the download. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Herbert provided an update regarding the over payment of the 911 phone bills. Leigh Morning indicated that she has not received any recent communication.

Dan Bodin of Spy Glass spoke to the commissioners regarding performing an audit of the county phone lines. Bodin indicated that he is a telecommunications expert and is able to discover lines that cities and counties are no longer using.

Bodin did share a proposal. Leigh Morning asked to review the proposal. Ken Masters made the motion to take the matter under advisement. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COURTHOUSE

Tom Barnes, Commissioner, reported that a minor leak was discovered in the courthouse roof. Barnes also reported on the third floor ceiling area that was a result from previous rain damage.

Deborah Adams reported that the elevator received its annual inspection on May 25 and there were no violations. Ken Masters made the motion to sign the report of inspection. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MOSCOW ALLEY - PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held at 9:30 for the closing of the proposed alley located in Moscow. The alley would be combined with the adjacent lots 38 and 39 per the Schrock, William, replat and lot 40 per the original plat of Moscow.

Bill Todd questioned if there were any documents as to the actual acreage. Marvin Cole questioned the gain to the county. Tracy Newhouse outlined several items of gain to the county. Due to the benefit to the county, Marvin Cole made the motion to close the alley. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ken Masters made the motion to close the hearing. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

EMA

Chuck Kemker, EMA Director, reported that the EMA Advisory Board has met and in addition to himself is recommending that the commissioners adopt the Rush County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Ken Masters made the motion to adopt and sign the Promulgation of the Rush County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. Kemker noted that the plan will be provided on a CD instead of a book format.

Ken Masters made the motion to sign the 2011 Emergency Management Performance Grant-Salaries Sub-Grant Agreement. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. The sub-grant agreement is only a 30% reimbursement of the 2011 salaries.

Tom Barnes stated that during the previous EMA Advisory board meeting a vote was taken recommending that the EMA director position be a full time position. The vote was unanimous.

EMS

Josh Cooley of Carthage Volunteer Fire Department submitted a letter asking for a \$5,000.00 increase in their EMS contract for the 2013 year. The Carthage EMS contract is currently \$25,000.00 for the 2012 year. The commissioners indicated that they will take this into consideration.

Becky Puckett of Anderson Twp. Volunteer Fire Department indicated that their EMS contract was fine and that they would not be asking for an increase.

EMS run reports were received and reviewed from Anderson Twp. Volunteer Fire Department and Raleigh Fire Department.

Tom Barnes discussed the possibility of the commissioners creating an open advisory group. The advisory group would involve communication with the council regarding money issues. Barnes stressed that this would place everyone on the same page. Councilman Bruce Levi was present and stated he had no problem with the request.

Carthage Fire Department announced that they are holding a fund raiser and child safety event on July 21, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported forty-three (43) inmates incarcerated in the Rush County jail.

Sherwood reported that the jail inspection took place May 24, 2012 and Ken Masters was present.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve and sign the title of the 2007 Ford Crown Victoria to be traded in for a 2009 Jeep Commando. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sherwood reported that he has met with Mayor Pavey and Councilman Bob Bridges regarding the animal shelter. The largest number of animals to be taken to the shelter is by property owners, with 58% being from the county.

Sherwood discussed scheduling another meeting to include one commissioner, and a county council member. The commissioners gave their support.

911

Jeff Sherwood discussed another avenue of Code Red, called Delt Alert. Sherwood stated that he will meet with Delt Alert on the new system and discuss the cost savings over the currently implemented Code Red.

VETERANS GROUP

Trustees of the jail will provide assistance to cleaning the landscaping stone from the veteran's bridge area on Hodges Branch.

CENTERSTONE

Thelma Chandler, Regional Director of Centerstone Clinic Services, located in Rushville updated the commissioners on the services offered to the community. Centerstone Clinic Services was the former Dunn Center. Chandler emphasized the many services that are currently offered to veterans.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, received a temporary ROW on the John and Tammra Lime property by a motion received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. The temporary ROW is part of the Carthage Pike project.

Sitton submitted the May Highway monthly report for the commissioners to review.

Tom Barnes requested the highway personnel to assist the master gardeners in assisting the large oversized shrubs around the flag pole of the courthouse lawn.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Jerry Sitton, Employee Health Insurance Chairman, reported that the health insurance committee will have a meeting at 1:00

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims for the period ending June 8, 2012 on a motion by Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Victoria Foley requested a copy of the nepotism policy approved at the previous commissioners meeting. Adams stated that she would provide Foley with a copy of the handbook insert following the commissioner's meeting.

John Saxon had a question regarding employee pay periods as listed on the claims. Adams explained that salary employees are paid to date and hourly employees are paid two weeks in arrears.

Bi-weekly claims turn in by May 26, 2012 was paid on a motion from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried. Adams pointed out the 911 claim checks would not be released until the county council gave their final approval during their meeting on June 13.

Marvin Cole made the motion to approve and sign the Congressional School Interest Report. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Adams discussed setting aside working the commissioners and other related commissioner budget's during the afternoon of June 18, 2012.

The commissioners adopted on motion by Ken Masters the amended ordinance 2005-2. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. Signs will need to be installed in the appropriate locations.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 2005-2

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTY OWNED BY RUSH COUNTY TOBACCO-FREE

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States determined that the use of tobacco products is hazardous to a person's health; and

WHEREAS, the inhalation of second-hand smoke is dangerous to a person's health;

WHEREAS, the Indiana General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act No. 1149, effective July 1, 2012, prohibiting smoking within eight feet (8') of public buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Rush County, Indiana:

1. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Ind.Code 36-1-3-1, and House Enrolled Act No. 1149.
2. The buildings owned by Rush County, Indiana, are hereby designated as tobacco-free. These buildings include, but are not limited to the Rush County Courthouse, the Rush County Sheriff's Department and Jail, and the Rush County Highway Department and Garage. The use of any tobacco products in these buildings is strictly prohibited.
3. Smoking within eight feet (8') of any of the buildings listed in Section Two of this Ordinance is strictly prohibited.
4. Violation of Section 3 of this Ordinance is a Class B Infraction, pursuant to Ind.Code 7.1-5-12-8(a). However, a person who violates this Ordinance and smokes in an area where smoking is prohibited commits a Class A Infraction if the person has been adjudged to have committed at least three (3) unrelated infractions under I.C. 7.1-5-12-8 or I.C. 16-41-37-4 (before its repeal).
5. The use of tobacco in county-owned vehicles is strictly prohibited.
4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2012, after publication as required.

Adopted this 4th day of June, 2012.

/s/ Thomas H. Barnes
Thomas H. Barnes

/s/ Marvin L. Cole
Marvin L. Cole

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor

ENERGY AUDIT

Rob Vollrath of Perfection Group appeared before the commissioners to discuss performing an energy audit to the county buildings. Vollrath stated that the audit would be at no cost to the county. Perfection Group is currently working with Dubois and Jennings counties. Ken Masters made the motion to take the matter under advisement. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was received from Ken Masters. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

<u>/s/Tom Barnes</u>	<u>/s/Marvin Cole</u>	<u>/s/Ken Masters</u>
Tom Barnes, Chairman	Marvin Cole	Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor